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KNOWING THAT THERE IS SAFETY IN MOTION AND DISTANCE, THE YOUNG FUGITIVE CALLED THE RAWHIDE KID HEADS NORTH INTO NEW TERRITORY, UNTIL...
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WE'D BEST HAVE US A LOOKSEE, NIGHTWIND!

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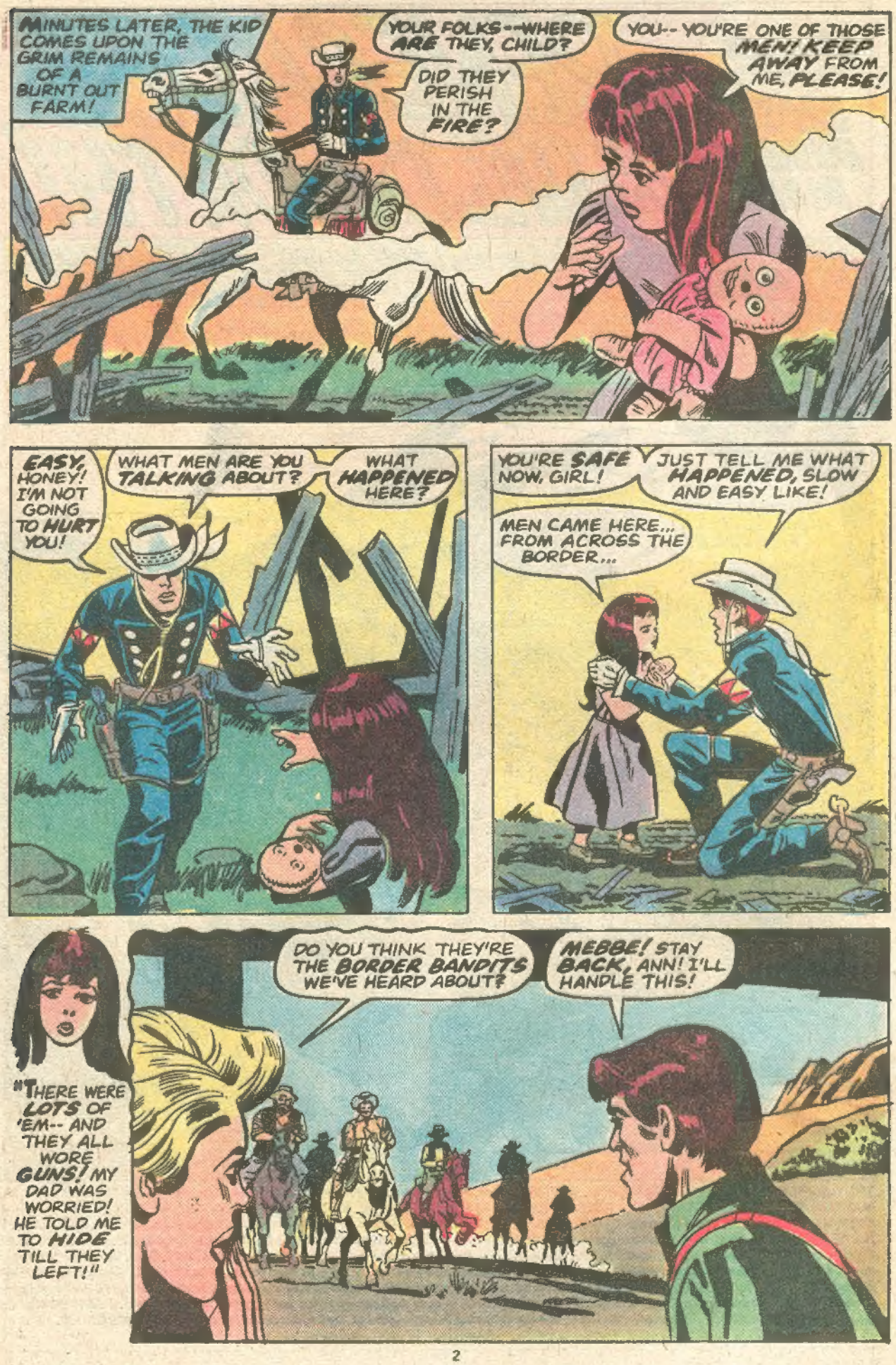
MINUTES LATER, THE KID COMES UPON THE GRIM REMAINS OF A BURNT OUT FARM!
YOUR FOLKS--WHERE ARE THEY, CHILD?
DID THEY PERISH IN THE FIRE?
YOU-- YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE MEN! KEEP AWAY FROM ME, PLEASE!
EASY, HONEY! I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU!
WHAT MEN ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
YOU'RE SAFE NOW, GIRL!
JUST TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED, SLOW AND EASY LIKE!
MEN CAME HERE... FROM ACROSS THE BORDER...
"THERE WERE LOTS OF 'EM-- AND THEY ALL WORE GUNS! MY DAD WAS WORRIED! HE TOLD ME TO HIDE TILL THEY LEFT!"
DO YOU THINK THEY'RE THE BORDER BANDITS WE'VE HEARD ABOUT?
MEBBE! STAY BACK, ANN! I'LL HANDLE THIS!

OBSERVE-- THE FARMER STANDS POISED TO DEFEND HIS HOME AND PROPERTY!
HOW GALLANT! HOW TOUCHING! HOW STUPEED!
...FOR CLAUDE DIJON DOES NOT TOLERATE DEFIANCE FROM ANYONE!
KRAK!
UNNHHH!
OH MY GOD! YOU-- YOU'VE KILLED HIM!
HE WAS A FOOL! AND FOOLS DO NOT DESERVE TO LIVE!
THE WORLD IS A JUNGLE... AND ONLY THE FIT MAY SURVIVE!
GO, GENTLEMEN-- SEARCH THE HOUSE! EMPTY IT OF ITS VALUABLES-- THEN BURN IT TO THE GROUND!

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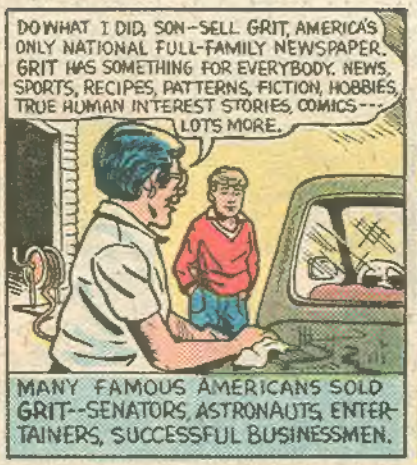
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I MUST MAKE NO PROTEST THAT MIGHT DRAW HER INTO THE OPEN!
AND THEN THEY RODE OFF WITH MOMMY!
DON'T CRY, HONEY! WE'LL GET HER BACK!
BUT FIRST I'VE GOT TO BURY YOUR DAD!
THEN I'LL TAKE YOU INTO TOWN, WHERE YOU'LL BE SAFE!
LATER...
LOOK!
THOSE BLASTED BORDER BANDITS MUST'VE RAIDED ANOTHER SPREAD!
YOU GONNA FORM A POSSE, AND GO AFTER 'EM, SHERIFF?
NO! IT WOULD BE USELESS!

BY NOW THOSE VARMINTS ARE OVER THE BORDER--BACK IN CANADA--WHERE I'VE NO AUTHORITY TO ARREST THEM!
I RECKON YOU CAN'T ACT UNLESS IT'S ALL NICE AND LEGAL--
BUT ME-- I'M NOT TOTIN' A BADGE, OR AN OATH!
ALL I CARRY ARE TWIN COLTS THAT SHOOT JUST AS GOOD ON EITHER SIDE OF THE BORDER!
I ADMIRE YOUR SPINE, STRANGER!
BUT YORE JUST ONE HOMBRE!
YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THAT WHOLE GANG!
THANKS FOR THE WARNING, BUT I'VE BEEN UP AGAINST ROUGH ODDS BEFORE!
I'LL GET THAT WOMAN BACK, SHERIFF!
YOU'VE MY WORD ON IT!
HEADING NORTH, THE KID SOON CROSSES INTO CANADA!
THOSE POLECATS WERE SO CONFIDENT, THEY DIDN'T EVEN COVER THEIR TRACKS!

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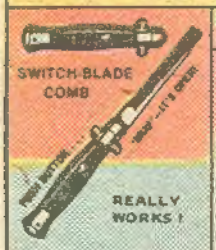

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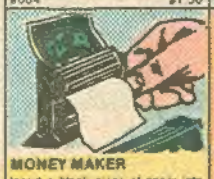

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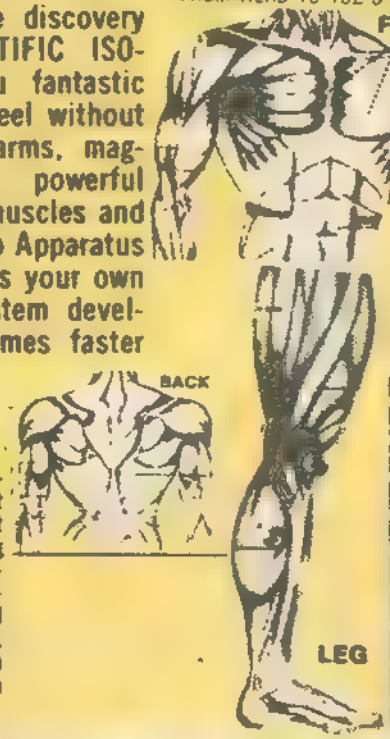

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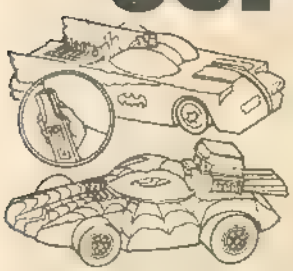

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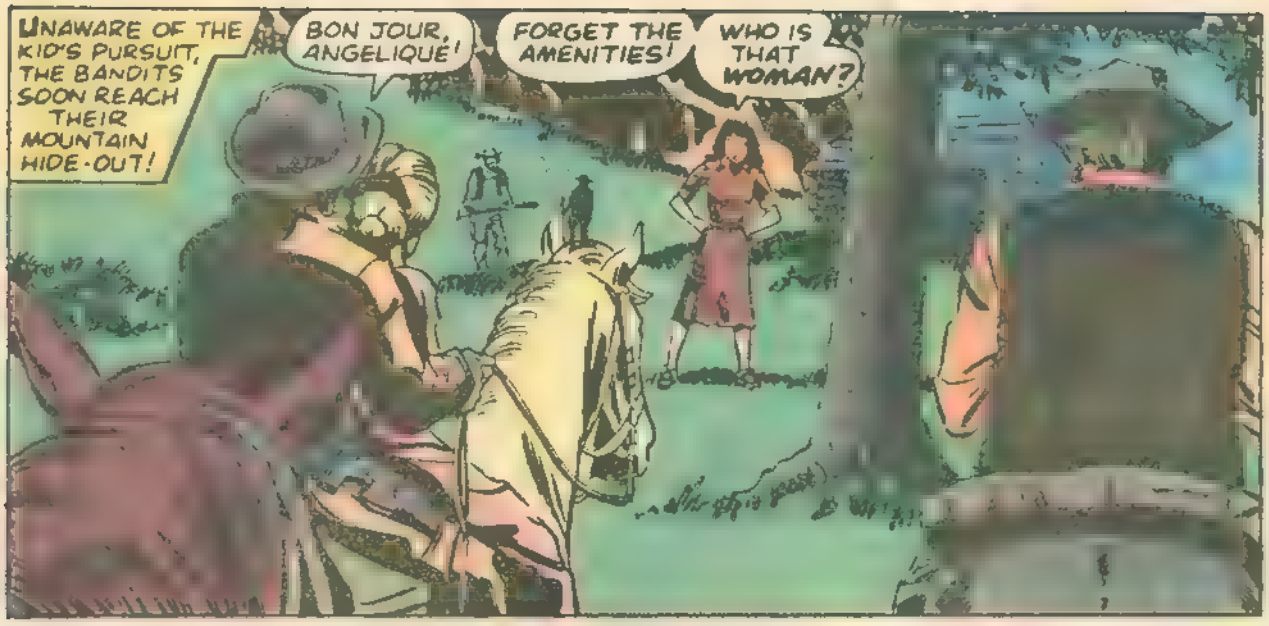
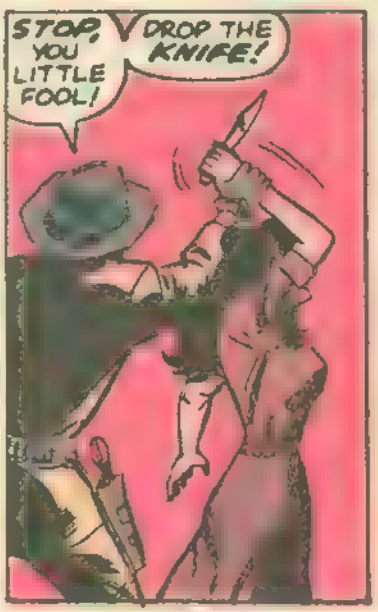

UNAWARE OF THE KID'S PURSUIT, THE BANDITS SOON REACH THEIR MOUNTAIN HIDE-OUT!
BON JOUR, ANGELIQUE!
FORGET THE AMENITIES!
WHO IS THAT WOMAN?

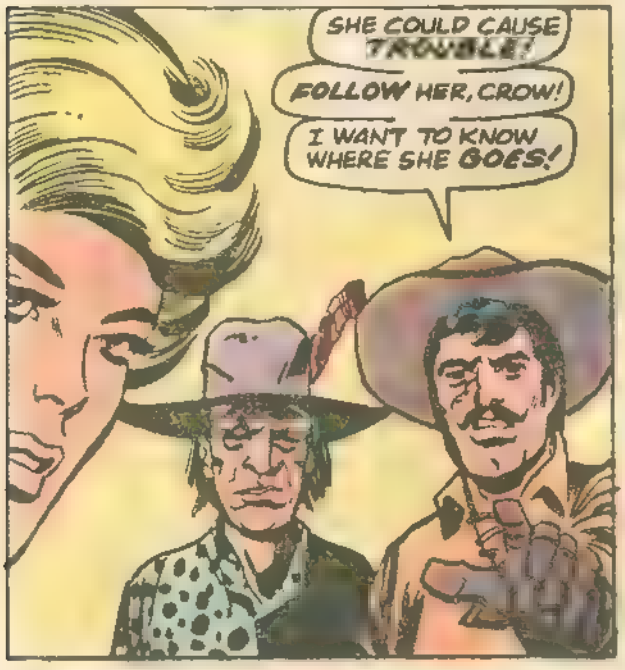
A HOMELESS WIDOW IN NEED OF CARE!
LET HER GET THAT CARE ELSEWHERE! I DO NOT SHARE MY MAN!

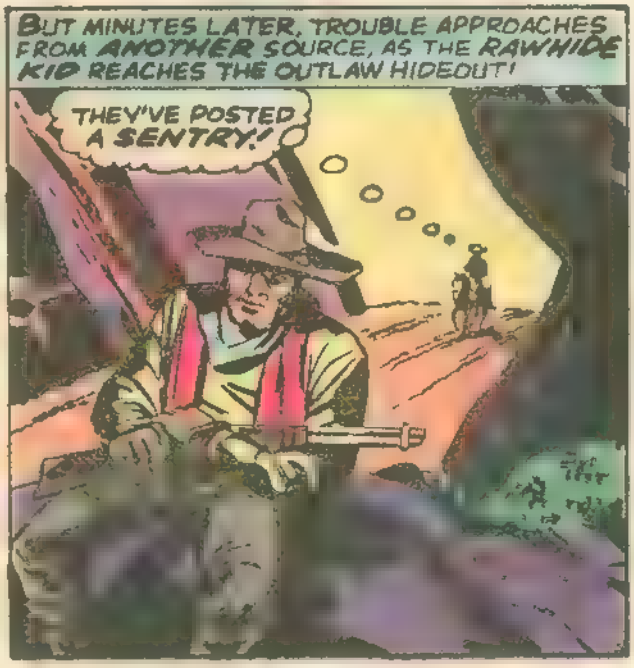
THEN PERHAPS I WILL NO LONGER BE YOUR MAN!
YOU ARE WRONG! FOR IF I CANNOT HAVE YOUR LOVE...

...NEITHER WILL SHE!
WHA--!


STOP, YOU LITTLE FOOL!
DROP THE KNIFE!

I SAID DROP IT!
:UNHH!:

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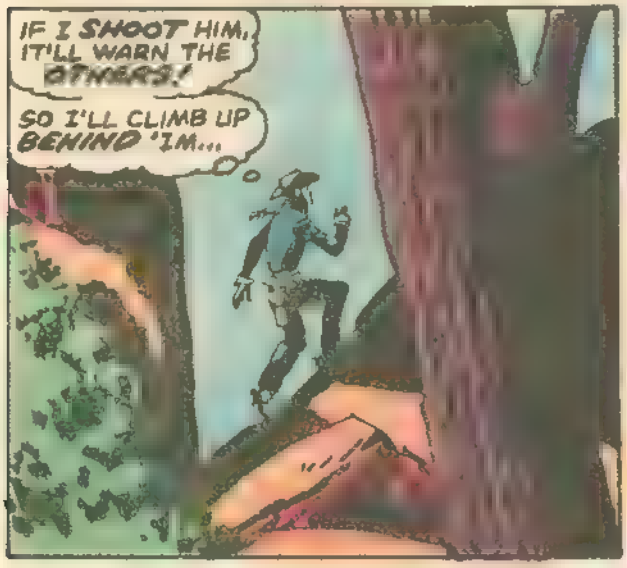
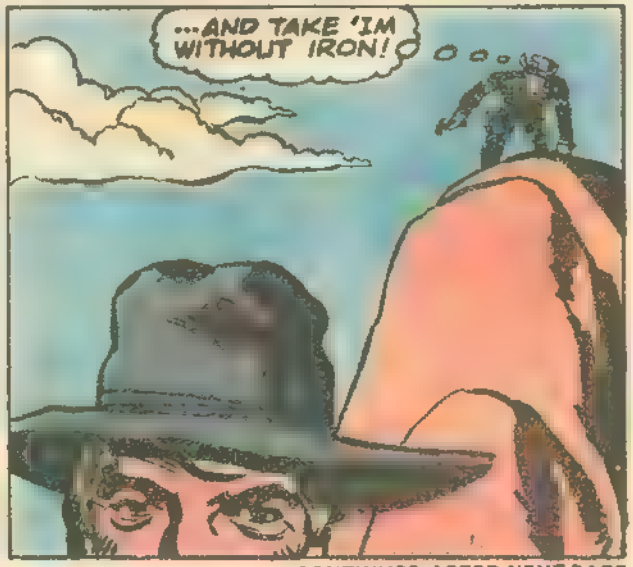
THEY'VE POSTED A SENTRY!





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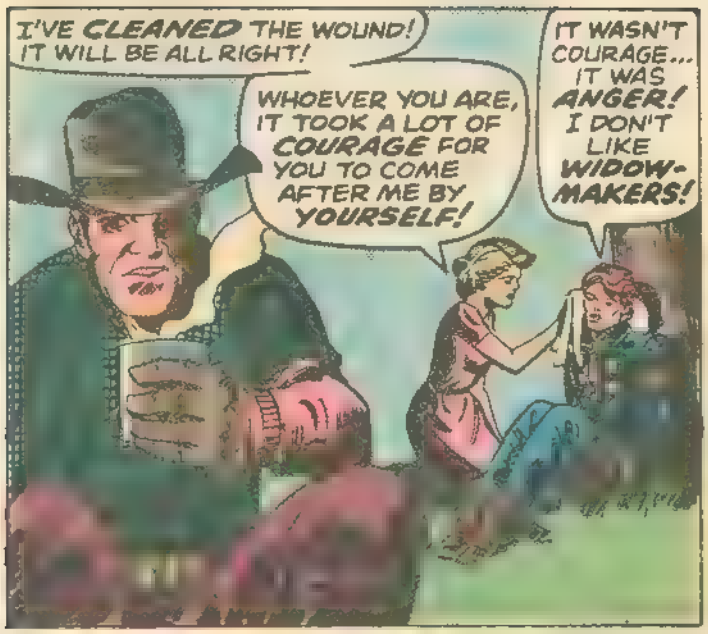
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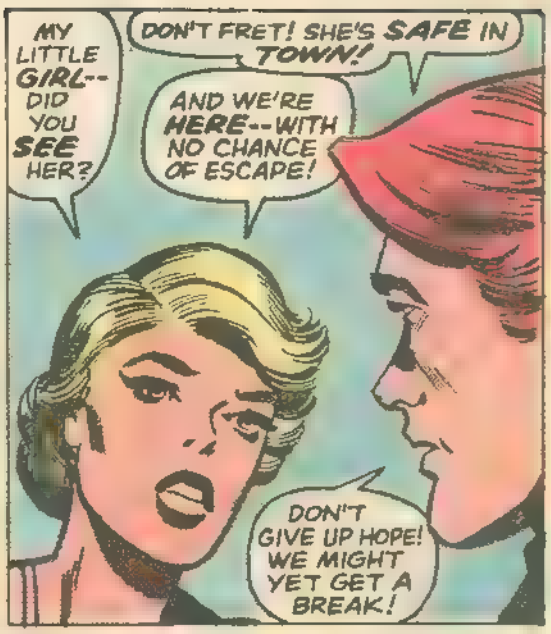
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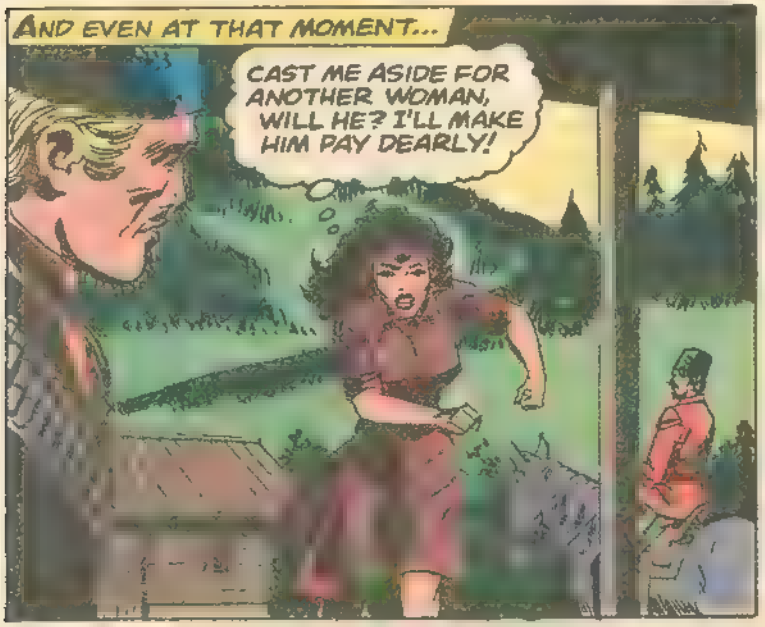
AND EVEN AT THAT MOMENT...
CAST ME ASIDE FOR ANOTHER WOMAN, WILL HE? I'LL MAKE HIM PAY DEARLY!

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AND AS THE TROOPERS MOUNT UP..
THE GIRL WENT TO THE NORTHWEST MOUNTED POLICE!
THE SPITEFUL LITTLE--
BUT WAIT-- ALL IS NOT LOST!
THE MOUNTIES WILL COME HERE, EXPECTING TO TAKE US BY SURPRISE!
BUT INSTEAD, IT IS WE WHO WILL SURPRISE THEM!
AND AS TIME TICKS FATEFULLY AWAY..
THE HIDE-OUT IS JUST UP AHEAD!
CRIMINALS ALWAYS MAKE A MISTAKE!
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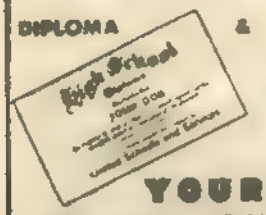

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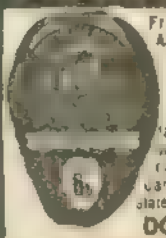

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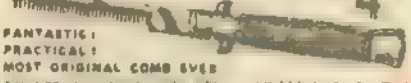

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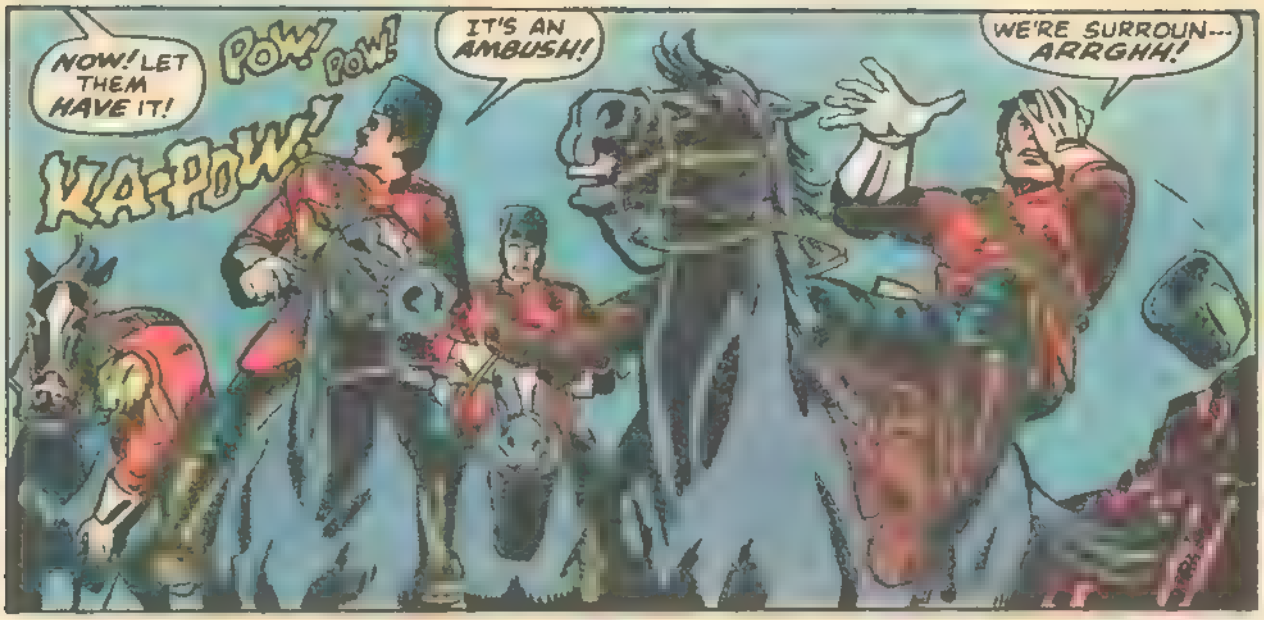

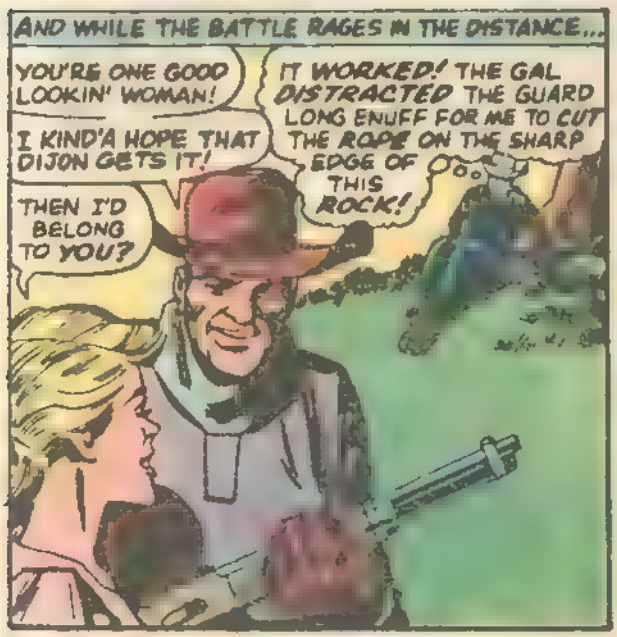
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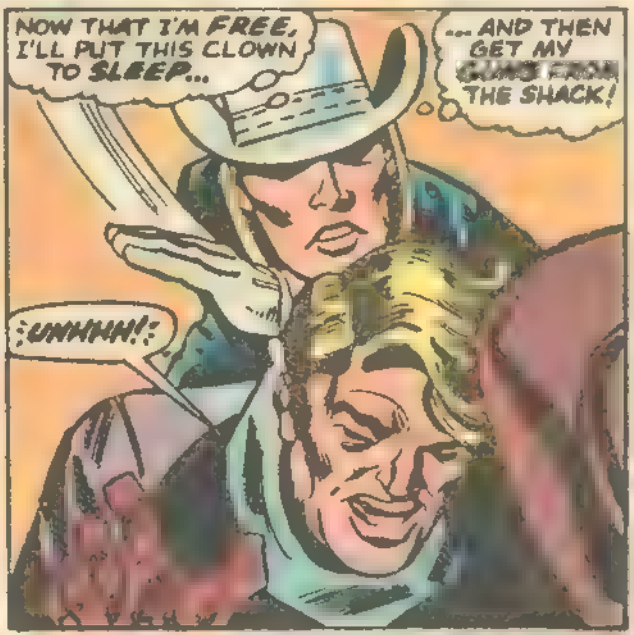

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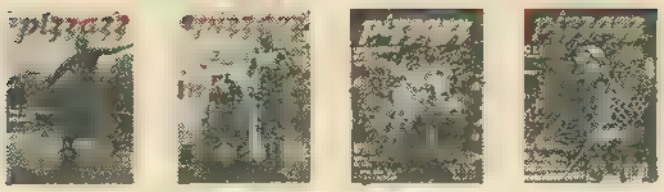

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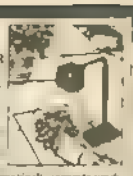

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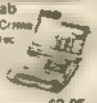

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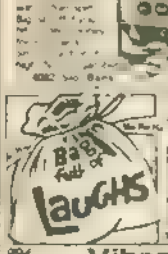

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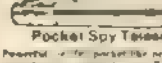

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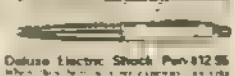

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WAIT HERE, GAL! I'VE GOT A FRACAS TO JOIN!
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THANKS! BUT IT'S THOSE BUSH-WHACKERS WHO'LL BE NEEDIN' THE LUCK!
LOOK OUT! BEHIND-- UHHH!
POW!
GET :ARGHH!:
POW!
KA-BW!
I RECKON THAT'S ABOUT ALL OF 'EM...
..EXCEPT FOR THE BOSS, HIMSELF!
I-- I WON'T TOSS LEAD WITH YOU! YOU'RE TOO GOOD WITH THOSE GUNS!
THEN I'LL PUT MY GUNS AWAY...
...AND USE KNUCKLES!
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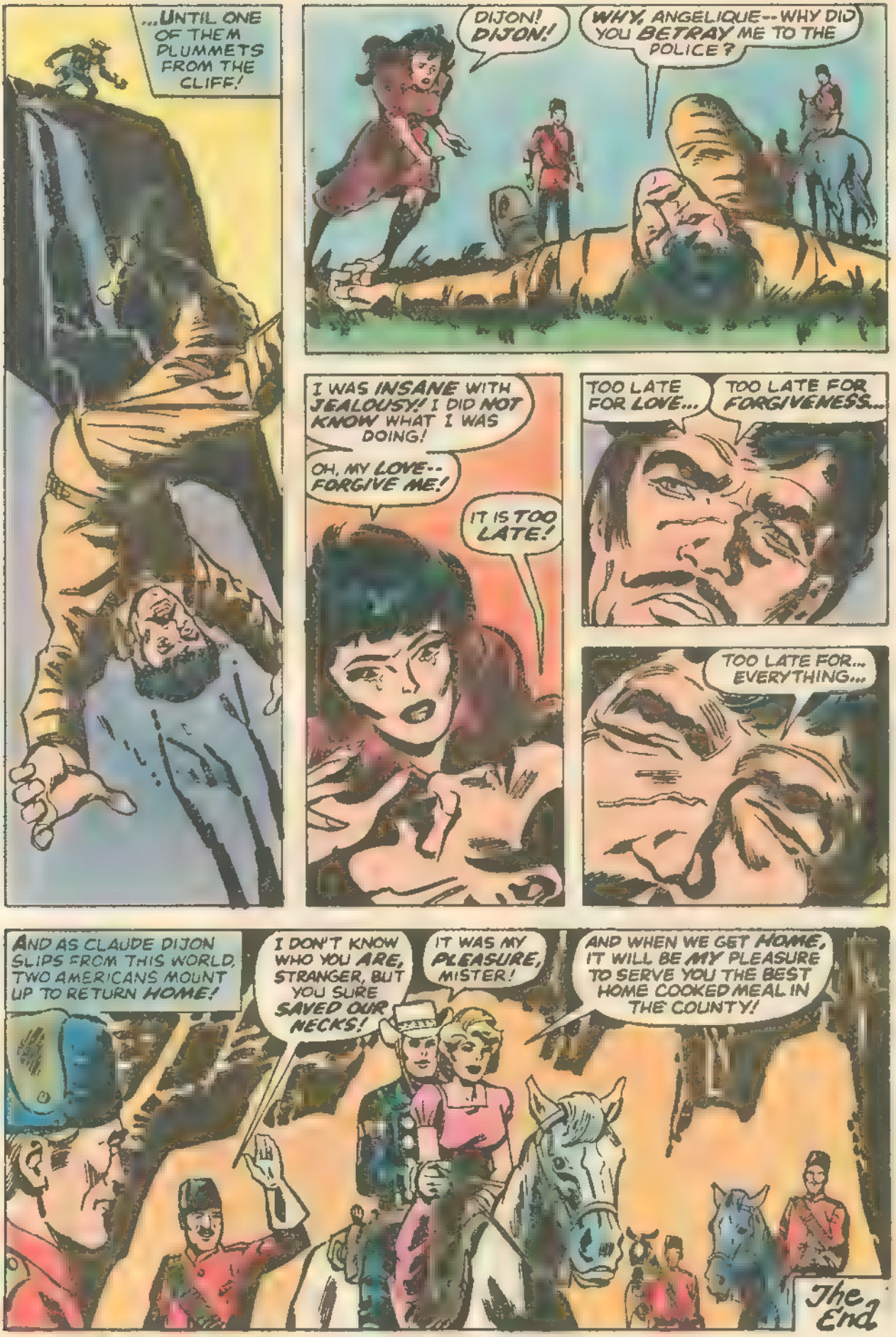
AS THE FIGHT CONTINUES, THE TWO FOES [illegible] AND CLOSER TO THE ROCKY EDGE...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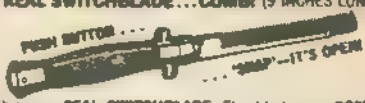

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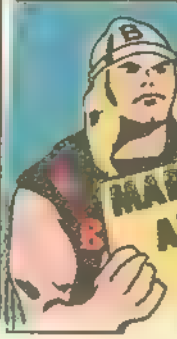

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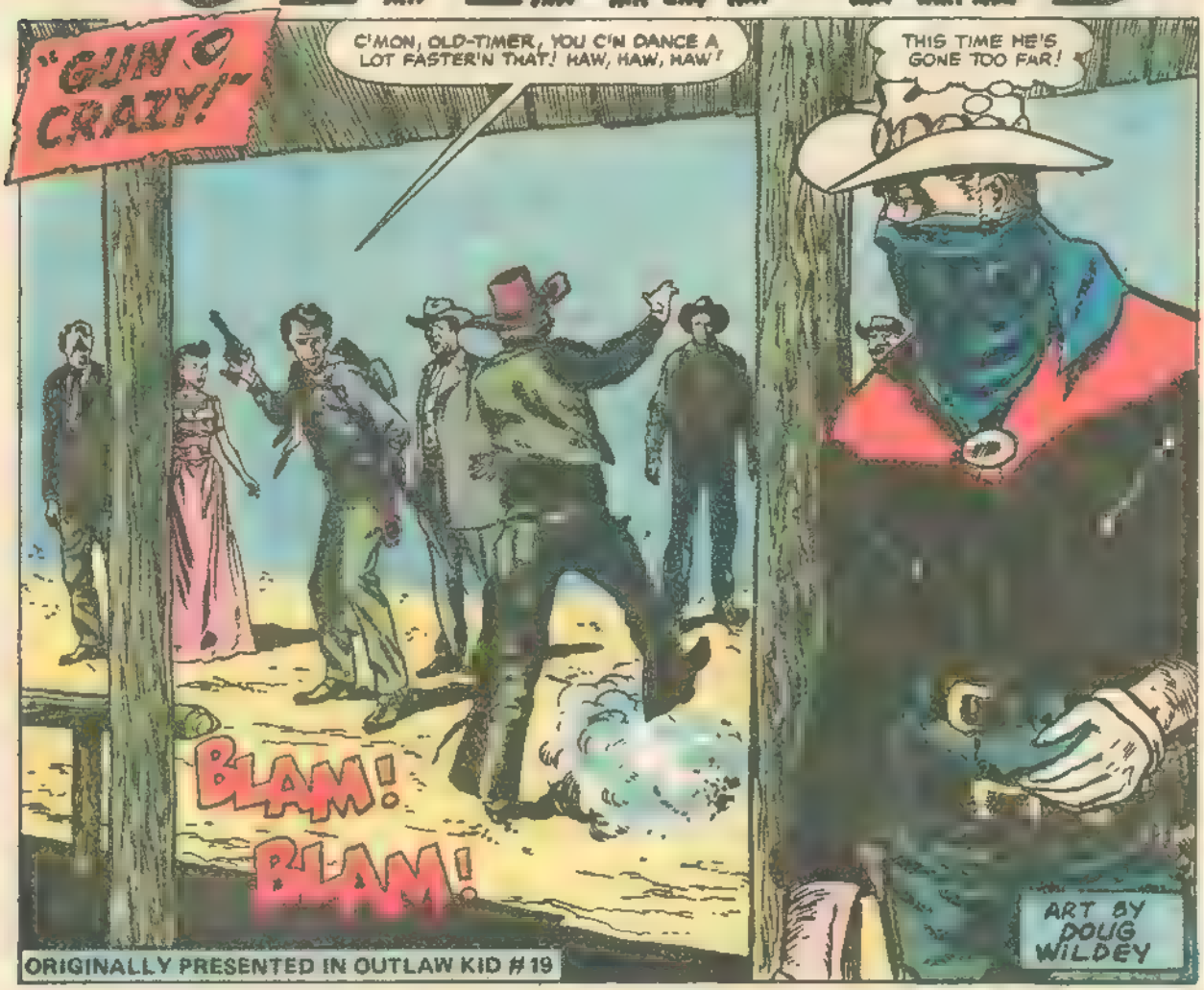

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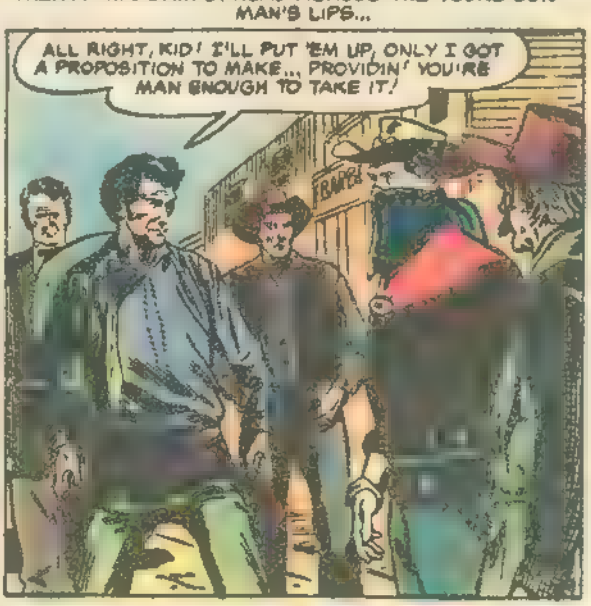

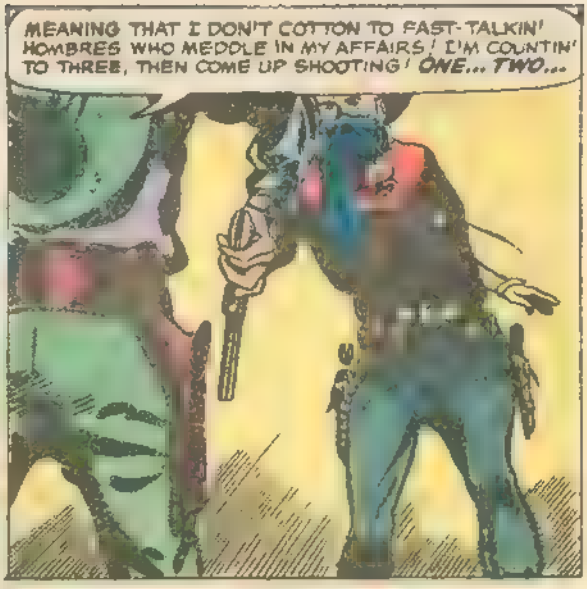
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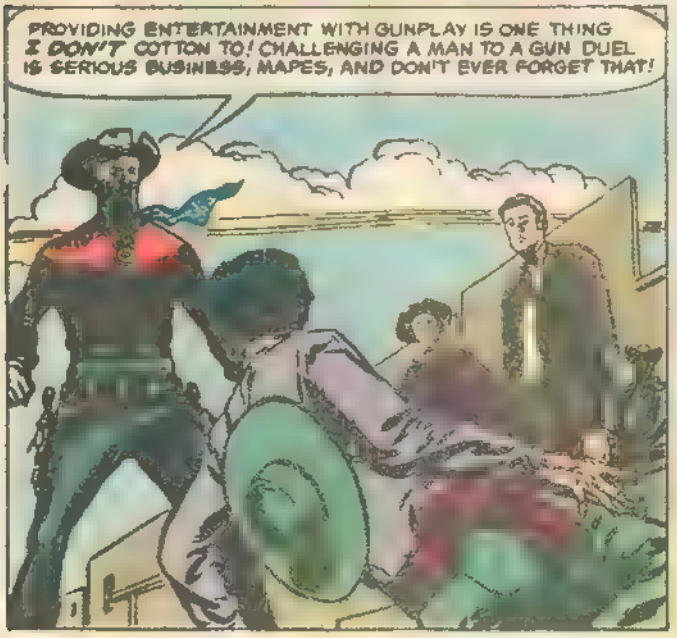
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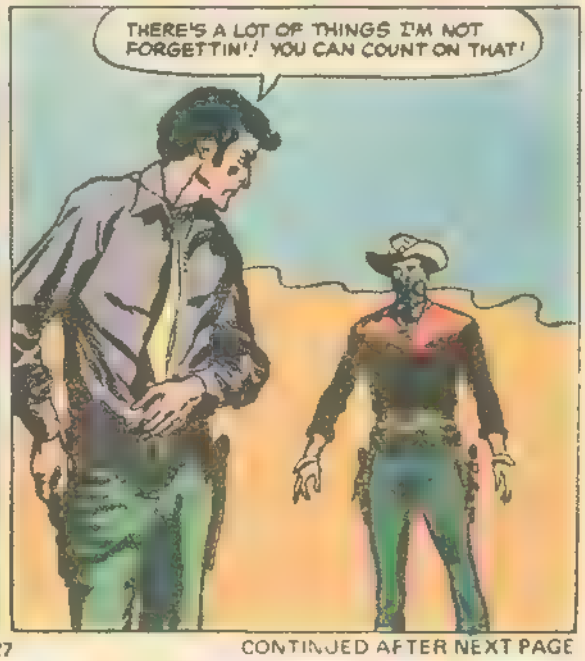

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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Know something? I've gotta learn to speak Japanese! All of a sudden, Marvel is threatening to become the latest and greatest "in" thing in the Land of the Rising Sun! There are special Japanese-version Marvel movies being produced, specially adapted Marvel comics, toys, games, and— for all we know— even Spider-Man Samurai warriors! (We *know* there are SHOGUN warriors, 'cause we're preparing a great new Shogun mag right now, but it's still a secret, so don't let on I told ja!) Anyway, just to totally obfuscate the issue, see if you can figure this one out. These wise and witty words are being written for you in the beginning of March, in order to get them printed in time to go on sale in June! Now stay with this, hear? I'm heading for Japan in the middle of May, which is a couple of months from now ("now" being the time I'm writing this)! I'm bustin' to tell you all about my trip, but I can't 'cause I haven't gone yet, although by the time you read this I'll have been *back* for about a month! See why I'm always mixed up? See why we always tell you that Marvel time is different than "real world" time? See why, when someone asks me the date, I panic and run for the hills? But now, before you get too emotional about this, let's welcome all our Japanese friends on board; and, to all of them, and all of you, the mighty voices of Marveldom Assembled now cry out: "YOI toh MOH-dah-chi ni nah RI-mah-shoh; NAH-kah yoh-ku shi MAH-shoh", which, as all True Believers know, means "Let us be good friends"! And, if the omnipotent Odin will return the Silver Surfer's curling iron to him, one of these days I'll teach you how to say it in English!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! First things first! Our humblest apologies to plucky PETRA GOLDBERG for failing to mention in last month's Bullpen Bulletins her outstanding contribution to Marvel Super Special #4 featuring THE BEATLES STORY. Petra is responsible for the splendiferous *coloring* therein—but since every alert Marvelite already possesses his very own copy, you all knew that anyway.

ITEM! It seems that congratulations are in order for none other than Dauntless DON McGREGOR. Early this April, the lucky guy wed a certain lovely lady by the name of Marsha Childers, and t'would appear they'll both be on Cloud 9 for quite a while! We at the Bullpen would like to join Marveldom Assembled in wishing the newlyweds all the best.

ITEM! Speaking of Don McGregor, somehow, during what *had* to have been rather hectic weeks before his wedding, the Dauntless One managed to script the masterful tale appearing in MARVEL PREMIERE #43. The story features PALADIN, a hard fisted, sharp-shooting, mildly mercenary sensation first introduced in the pages of DAREDEVIL by JIM (Trouble) SHOOTER. Seldom has a new character evoked such an overwhelming ovation, and so natch, the ever-eager-to-please Bullpen wasted little time bringing him back in his own showcase. It's magnificently illustrated by Tap-dancin' TOM SUTTON and it's on sale now! And by the way, any resemblance between Paladin's damsel in distress and Don's blushing bride is probably his doing!

ITEM! Special Events abound this month! After seeming ages of hard work by Devil-May-Care DOUG MOENCH, Rampagin' RON WILSON, and Redoubtable RICARDO VILLAMONTE, the first full-color magazine-size issue of THE HULK is finally on sale— and is it a *doozie*! Yours for only a pittance—a mere $1.50—it portrays the Emerald Behemoth in a manner befitting the mightiest mortal ever to walk the earth. It's all there—the power, the hate, the triumph and the tragedy—truly this is an *epic*! As if the art and story weren't enough, this issue also features a full-color *photo section* devoted to the smash sensation *Incredible Hulk* TV show! Get to your newsstand *fast*, before they're all gone!

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ITEM! More news from Simon and Schuster! THE MIGHTY MARVEL SUPER-HEROES FUN BOOK #3 is in the bookstores now just waiting to provide untold hours of entertainment for Marvel Minions. Check it out!

ITEM! *Whew!* Sometimes we get so caught up in all the fanfare for exceptional items and once-in-a-lifetime deals we almost forget to mention the things that made Marvel great in the first place—namely our regular comics that month after month quietly maintain an incredible standard of excellence—the solid backbone of the line. One such title is CONAN, which as every True Believer knows, is fast approaching its 100th issue. Rascally ROY THOMAS, writer and editor of both the CONAN color comic and THE SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN black-and-white magazine, has consistently provided excellent stories and arranged for some of the very best artists anywhere to illustrate them. In addition to Big JOHN BUSCEMA, perennial Conan penciller and Eighth Wonder of the World, ALFREDO ALCALA, CARMINE INFANTINO, GENE COLAN, and FRANK BRUNNER have all recently illustrated adventures of the sullen-eyed Cimmerian, each in his own distinctive, trend-setting style. Thus, barbarian watchers will be treated to varied visual delights in upcoming months, and we promise you'll love every minute of it.

ITEM! While we're on the subject of visual delights, we trust that everyone is as enamored of the precise pencilling of Jocular JOHN BYRNE as we are. A recent copy of X-MEN should serve as proof that our favorite denizen of the Frozen North has truly risen to Superstar Status! John visited us here in civilization while attending the March *Creation Convention*, and delighted everyone with his warmth and wit. He's a great talent *and* a nice guy. Ask any Armadillo.

ITEM! Just a final note which lends credence to our belief that Mighty Marvel is taking over the world—Did you know that in the smash Broadway musical extravaganza, BEATLEMANIA, a whole passle of Marvel characters are featured in the multimedia presentation? Notable among them are *Magneto, Spitfire, Ms. Marvel, Miss America, the Whizzer, Captain America, the Sub-Mariner, Iron Fist, Power Man*, and more! Isn't fame wonderful? *Hoo hah!*

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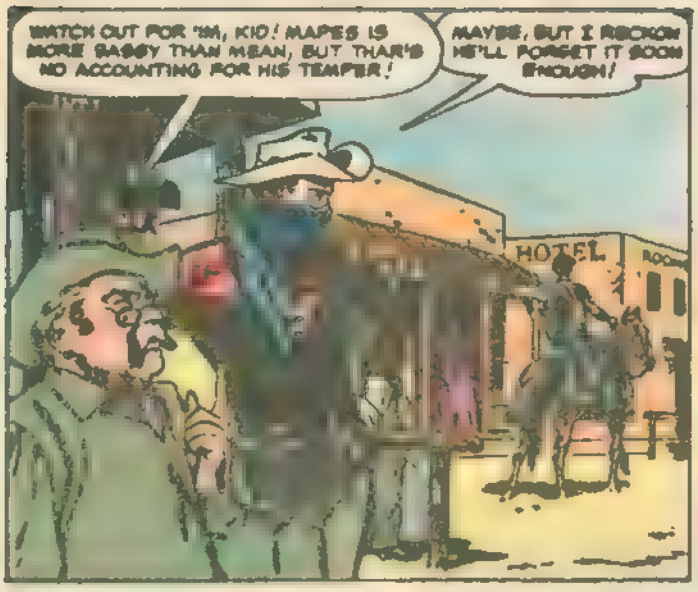
WATCH OUT FOR 'IM, KID! MAPES IS MORE SASSY THAN MEAN, BUT THAR'S NO ACCOUNTING FOR HIS TEMPER!
MAYBE, BUT I RECKON HE'LL FORGET IT SOON ENOUGH!
HOTEL

AN' HE DIDN'T FOOL NO ONE WITH THAT FANCY RASSLIN' TRICK! HE WAS SCARED TO DRAW AGAINST ME, THAT'S WHAT! DOWN DEEP INSIDE HE KNOWS I'M FASTER... AND A BETTER SHOT, TOO...

AND ALONG ABOUT SUNSET, AS THE KID TOOK HIS USUAL TRAIL OUT OF TOWN...

BUT SUDDENLY...

YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A FOOL, MAPES! WHAT ARE YOU OUT TO PROVE?
THAT I'M A BETTER SHOT AND MORE MAN THAN YOU'LL EVER BE.. THAT'S WHAT!
AND THIS TIME YOU WON'T SQUIRM OUT OF IT! I'M CALLIN' YORE HAND... HERE AN' NOW!
BUT SUDDENLY...
LOOK OUT!
NO YUH.. HEY!
BLAAM!
SECONDS LATER, AS MAPES GOT SLOWLY TO HIS FEET...
T-THAT WAS GREAT SHOOTIN', KID! THE BEST I'VE EVER SEEN! ANOTHER SECOND AND THAT RATTLER WOULD'VE HAD ME!
I'M GLAD I WAS AROUND, MAPES!
C'N YOU FORGIVE A THICK-SKULLED FOOL... BUT ONE WHO LEARNED HIS LESSON?
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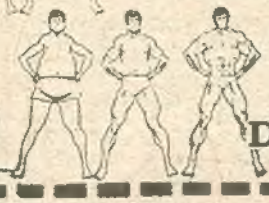

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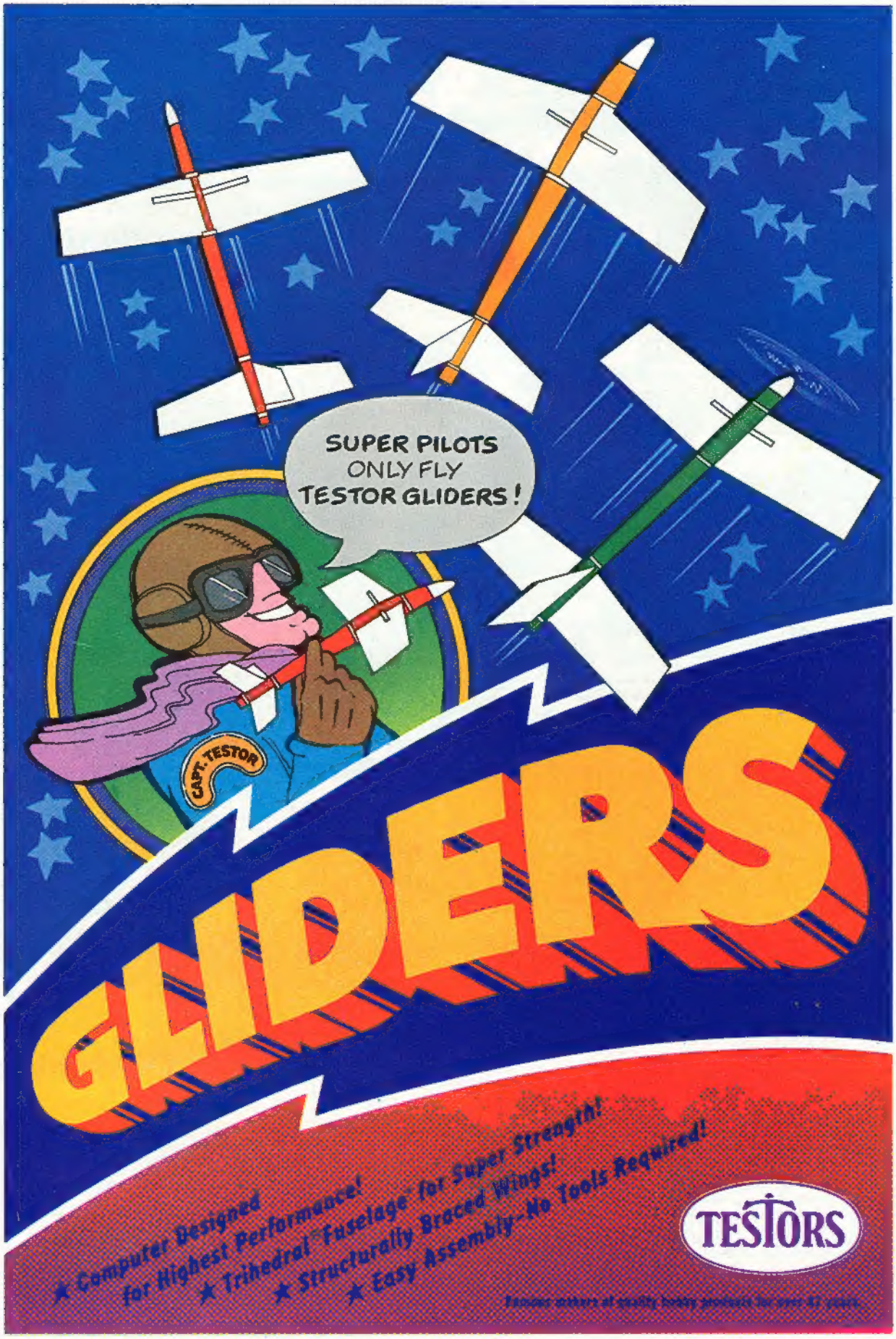
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